

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 30, 2023

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
2358-A Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

As you prepare the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, we write to respectfully request the inclusion of \$650 million to fully fund the Federal Highway Administration's Bridge Investment Program. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provided necessary funding for bridge repair, replacement, and improvement, but more funds are needed to address the poor condition of bridges nationwide.

The IIJA provided critical funding for the Bridge Investment Program with \$1.8 billion in advance appropriations, but the state of our nation's bridges necessitates additional funding. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) estimates that nearly 43,000 bridges are in poor condition, twice as many as there were eight years ago. These deficient bridges are in every single congressional district in the nation. The backlog for bridge repairs stands at a stunning \$125 billion. To address this challenge, the FHWA estimates an additional \$8.3 billion is needed each year.

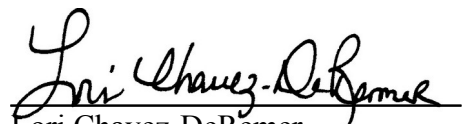
Bridges are a vital piece of our transportation infrastructure, allowing goods and people to move quickly, reliably, and safely to destinations and markets. From early-stage planning grants to Large Bridge Project grants, the FHWA has proven effective at managing IIJA funds. They have developed a pipeline of projects from the earliest stages through construction, ensuring that deficient bridges are repaired and replaced in a timely manner. Making these key investments to rebuild our nation's infrastructure today will provide outsized benefits for decades to come.

We respectfully request that you provide \$650 million in funding for the Bridge Investment Program. Funding the Bridge Investment Program at its fully authorized level is a necessary step towards improving the condition of our bridges and the function of our nation's transportation system.

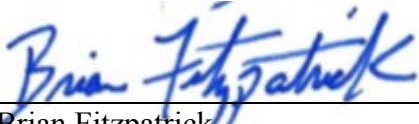
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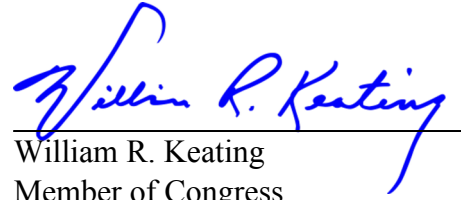
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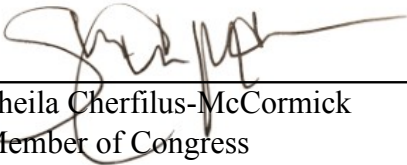
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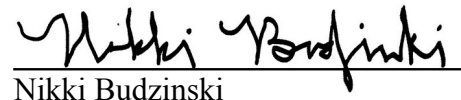
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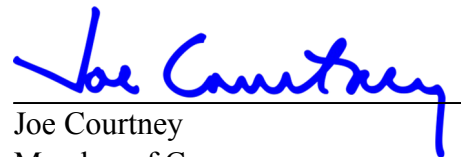
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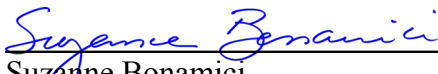
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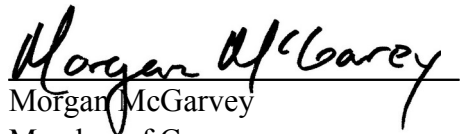
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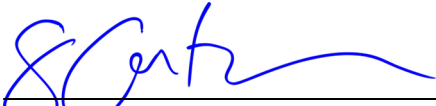
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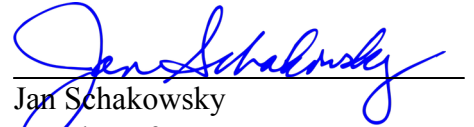
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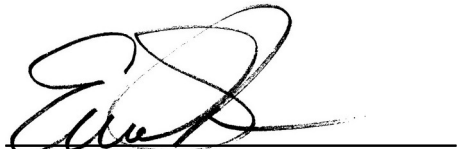
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